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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Murrieta – Illicit Drugs Found in Child's Car Seat during Traffic Stop

(U) US Border Patrol agents pulled over the Nissan Sentra on Interstate 15 in Murrieta just after 6 p.m. on June 12, according to a news release on Wednesday from US Customs and Border Protection. A 26-year-old US man was driving the Nissan, which was also carrying two adult women and three kids, agents said. Each of the passengers were questioned and the car was searched on the outside by a Border Patrol K9, which alerted agents to the inside of the vehicle. That's where agents discovered "several packages of narcotics wrapped in cellophane and hidden inside one of the children's car seat(s) and stroller," according to Customs and Border Protection. There were 23 packages in the vehicle: about 32-pounds of meth, 2-pounds of cocaine, and 5-pounds of heroin, with an estimated street value of about \$102,000.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [Sac Bee](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – US Soldiers Found Dead at Mexico-Arizona Border Died by Suicide

(U) Nogales – Two Army soldiers found dead this month while deployed to the Mexican border in Arizona died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, a medical examiner said. The deaths of PFC Steven Hodges of Menifee, CA, and 21-year-old PFC Kevin Christian of Haslet, TX, occurred weeks apart. Hodges was found 1 June near the border city of Nogales; Christian died Sunday, 200 miles away in Ajo. Both men were assigned to the Southwest Border Support Mission, which has some 2,400 service members. US military officials said the deaths are still under investigation.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [Fox News](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Investigating Migrant Groups Trying to Buy Children to Cross into the US

(U) Tijuana – Some migrants in Tijuana are trying to purchase children from vulnerable single mothers in local shelters so they can more easily cross into the US, according to shelter directors, migrants and Tijuana law enforcement authorities. Migrants in Tijuana shelters said they are alarmed after reports of single mothers being approached by groups of men who have offered to buy children to improve their chances of safely crossing into the United States. Typically, when migrants are apprehended at the border with their children they are held in custody for a few days before they are released. Single adults who cross the border can face months in detention.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Maryland – City Will Not Pay Hackers' Ransom, Sets Aside Emergency Funds

(U) Baltimore – While two Florida cities have now paid a ransom to regain control of their hacked computer systems, the City of Baltimore is taking a different approach. Baltimore officials this week approved \$10 million of emergency funding to recover from a similar attack after refusing to pay an \$80,000 ransom at the advice of law enforcement authorities. Cyberattacks immobilized some of the

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city's systems almost two months ago, but services such as water billing are still offline. The total cost of responding to the hack may hit \$18 million, the city's budget office estimated. Officials in Lake City, Florida, meanwhile, decided to pay hackers a ransom of 42 bitcoins, or roughly \$426,000. These cities are not alone, there have been more than 170 ransomware attacks on US state and local governments since November 2013, according to the technology company Recorded Future.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [USA Today](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Appeal Made by Boston Marathon Bomber

(U) Boston – Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev received a fair trial in the city where the bombs exploded despite heavy publicity and the widespread impact of the attack, federal prosecutors said Thursday in urging an appeals court to uphold his convictions and death sentence. Prosecutors asked the 1st US Circuit Court of Appeals to deny Tsarnaev's claim that it was impossible for him to find an impartial jury in a city still traumatized by the bombings. The bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 260 others received extensive media coverage, but the court was careful to ensure that his jurors were unbiased, US Justice Department lawyers wrote. Tsarnaev's brother, Tamerlan, died in a gun battle with police a few days after the bombing.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [Mass Live News](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Data Breach May Have Included Social Security Numbers

(U) Sun Prairie – Officials with the City of Sun Prairie are alerting people who may be impacted by a two-month-long data breach. In early March, city officials found there was suspicious activity connected to an employee's email. An investigation found unauthorized access to some employees' email accounts between 16 January and 6 March. The investigation was unable to determine what confidential information was breached, but officials are alerting those who may have had information compromised. Officials believe the leaked information could include Social Security numbers, account login information and passwords, driver's licenses, and other identification numbers.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [Fox 47 News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Israel – Incendiary Attacks in Syria, Iraq, and Israel have led to Severe Environmental Damage

(U) Tel Aviv – As summer begins in the Middle East, environmental terrorism continues to hit several countries, including Israel, Syria and Iraq, scorching land and devastating resources. Israel has been faced with incendiary kites and balloons launched from the neighboring Gaza Strip for over a year. The tactic by Palestinians in the coastal enclave has caused hundreds of fires in the south of Israel. On Wednesday, 19 fires broke out in southern Israel, allegedly due to the flammable devices. An interactive map from the Jewish National Fund indicates there have been 1,124 such fires, which have burned 11,036 dunams of land (roughly 2,700 acres) to date. In Iraq's Diyala, Kirkuk, Nineveh, and Salahuddin provinces, farmers are dealing with fires allegedly started by ISIS, which claimed responsibility for burning crops. Similarly, a series of fires in northern Syria, some allegedly started by ISIS and others by the Syrian government and its Russian allies, have destroyed crops.

SOURCE: 28 June 2019, [Jerusalem Post](#)

(U) Tunisia – One Dead, Several Wounded in Two ISIS Suicide Bomb Attacks

(U) Tunis – Two suicide bombers blew themselves up in separate attacks on police in the Tunisian capital on Thursday, killing one police officer and wounding several other people, the government said. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attacks via the group's Amaq news agency. The attacks came months before an election and at the peak of a tourist season in which Tunisia is hoping for a record number of visitors. The first suicide bomber targeted a police patrol in Charles de Gaulle Street in central Tunis. One

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police officer was killed and three civilians were wounded. Shortly afterwards, a second bomber detonated a suicide vest near a police station in the al-Gorjani district. Four people were wounded, according to the Interior Ministry.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [Reuters](#)

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